Non-availability of half-tickets at Asansol Railway Station

2837. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that half-tickets are not available at Asansol Railway Station;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Half (child) tickets are available at Asansol.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Empowered Claims Committee

2838. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Public Grievances has recommended that each Regional Railway should have an Empowered Claims Review Committee;

(b) if so, the main functions of the contemplated Review Committee; and

(c) what is the reaction of Railways thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To review decisions in compensation claim cases on appeal by the claimants.

(c) Existing policy and procedures already provide for review of cases by higher officers on appeal. Therefore, the setting up of the proposed Claims Review Committee will be a duplication of the arrangements. Besides, Railway Claims Tribunals are being set up shortly to consider appeals filed by claimants against the decisions of the Railway Administration.

ITDC Hotel at Madras

2839. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision to set up an India Tourism Development Corporation hotel at Madras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVARAJ PATIL): ITDC's Annual Plan 1989-90 does not envisage construction of a hotel of its own in Madras. However, ITDC proposes to set up a joint venture Hotel in Madras in collaboration with State Government Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation subject to allotment of land and mutual settlement of joint venture terms.

Widening of National Highways

2840. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the proposal for widening of National Highway in the country;

(b) if so, what are the National Highway which have been approved for widening; and

(c) by when all these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Widening/improvement of National Highways is a continuing process. Widening is taken up in selected stretches depending on inter-se priorities, traffic intensity, and availability of resources. At present 237 works for widening of different stretches of National Highways costing about Rs. 438 crores are in progress. These works have different target dates and are targeted to be completed before the end of 1992.

Use of Television for education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2841. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIKVTA has submitted a Memorandum to Government on use of Television for education in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No such representation is available on the records of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of classes and sections in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Muzaffarpur

2842. DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the classes and sections opened in Kendriya Vidalaya, Muzaffarpur, each year since its inception; and

(b) what are the number and names of students admitted under special dispensation in 1988 and 1989 till date?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Details of classes and sections opened in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Muzaffarpur each year are as under:—

Year	Classes opened	No. of Sections
1986-87	upto class VI	2 sections in classes I to V and one section in class VI.
1987-88	upto class VII	2 sections in classes I to VI and one section in class VII.
1988-89	upto class VIII	2 sections in classes I to VII and one section in class VIII.
1989-90	upto class IX	2 sections in classes I to VIII and one section in calss IX.

(b) The details of students on rolls in different classes of the Vidyalayas including those actually admitted on the basis of special dispensation are not maintained at the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters.